

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 454, Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5649–S5766*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1081–1114. **Pages S5699–S5701**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 663, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the “Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building”.

H.R. 918, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the “Stan Lundine Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1284, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the “Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office”.

H.R. 1595, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building”. **Page S5699**

#### Measures Passed:

**Women Airforce Service Pilots Congressional Gold Medal:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 614, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots (“WASP”), and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S5765–66**

Reid (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 1200, of a perfecting nature. **Page S5765**

**Nuclear Weapons Program Workers National Day of Remembrance:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 151, designating a national day of remembrance on

October 30, 2009, for nuclear weapons program workers, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Supplemental Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2346, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

##### Adopted:

By 90 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 196), Inouye/Inhofe Amendment No. 1133, to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States. **Pages S5650–58, S5663**

By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 198), McConnell Modified Amendment No. 1136, to limit the release of detainees at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, pending a report on the prisoner population at the detention facility at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. **Pages S5650, S5681, S5685–87**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 199), Brownback Modified Amendment No. 1140, to express the sense of the Senate on consultation with State and local governments in the transfer to the United States of detainees at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. **Pages S5650, S5667–69, S5687**

##### Withdrawn:

Durbin Amendment No. 1199 (to Amendment No. 1136), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5683**

##### Pending:

Cornyn Amendment No. 1139, to express the sense of the Senate that the interrogators, attorneys, and lawmakers who tried in good faith to protect the United States and abide by the law should not be prosecuted or otherwise sanctioned. **Page S5650**

Chambliss Amendment No. 1144, to protect the national security of the United States by limiting the immigration rights of individuals detained by

the Department of Defense at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. **Pages S5658–66**

Isakson Amendment No. 1164, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the application of the homebuyer credit. **Pages S5666–67**

Corker Amendment No. 1173, to provide for the development of objectives for the United States with respect to Afghanistan and Pakistan. **Page S5669**

Lieberman Amendment No. 1156, to increase the authorized end strength for active duty personnel of the Army. **Pages S5669–73**

Graham (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1157, to provide that certain photographic records relating to the treatment of any individual engaged, captured, or detained after September 11, 2001, by the Armed Forces of the United States in operations outside the United States shall not be subject to disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act). **Pages S5673–74**

Kyl/Lieberman Amendment No. 1147, to prohibit funds made available for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to be made available to any person that has engaged in certain activities with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran. **Pages S5674–75**

Brown Amendment No. 1161, to require the United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund to oppose loans and other programs of the Fund that do not exempt certain spending by the governments of heavily indebted poor countries from certain budget caps and restraints. **Page S5675**

McCain Amendment No. 1188, to make available from funds appropriated by title XI an additional \$42,500,000 for assistance for Georgia. **Pages S5675–76**

Lincoln Amendment No. 1181, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to the extension of certain limitations. **Pages S5676–77**

Risch Amendment No. 1143, to appropriate, with an offset, an additional \$2,000,000,000 for National Guard and Reserve Equipment. **Page S5677**

Kaufman Modified Amendment No. 1179, to ensure that civilian personnel assigned to serve in Afghanistan receive civilian-military coordination training that focuses on counterinsurgency and stability operations. **Pages S5677–79, S5690**

Leahy/Kerry Amendment No. 1191, to provide for consultation and reports to Congress regarding the International Monetary Fund. **Pages S5688–89**

Hutchison Amendment No. 1189, to protect auto dealers. **Pages S5680–81, S5689**

Merkley/Whitehouse Amendment No. 1185, to express the sense of the Senate on the use by the Department of Defense of funds in the Act for oper-

ations in Iraq in a manner consistent with the United States-Iraq Status of Forces Agreement. **Pages S5689–90**

Merkley (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1138, to strike the provisions relating to increased funding for the International Monetary Fund. **Page S5690**

Bennet/Casey Amendment No. 1167, to require the exclusion of combat pay from income for purposes of determining eligibility for child nutrition programs and the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children. **Page S5691**

Reid Amendment No. 1201 (to Amendment No. 1167), to change the enactment date. **Page S5691**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Thursday, May 21, 2009, and that the time until 10 a.m., be equally divided and controlled for debate only between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided that at 10 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon; provided further, that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 21, 2009. **Page S5766**

### Conference Reports:

**Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act—Conference Report:** By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 197), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems. **Pages S5683–85**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, the Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S5649**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, with respect to the stabilization of Iraq; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–20) **Pages S5695–96**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management). **Page S5765**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Bartholomew Chilton, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2013.

Colin Scott Cole Fulton, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Alejandro N. Mayorkas, of California, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—199)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5766.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FOREST SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Abigail Kimbell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

### MILITARY SPACE PROGRAMS BUDGET

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for military space programs, after receiving testimony from Gary E. Payton, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space Programs, General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, Lieutenant General Larry D. James, USAF, Commander, 14th Air Force, Air Force Space Command, and Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, Strategic Command, and Vice Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Communication Networks, all of the Department of Defense; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

### ACTIVE COMPONENT, RESERVE COMPONENT, AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL PROGRAM BUDGET

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff G–1, United States Army, Lieutenant General Richard Y. Newton III, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel, United States Air Force, Vice Admiral Mark E. Ferguson III, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education, United States Navy, and Lieutenant General Ronald S. Coleman, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense; and Colonel Steven P. Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Dierdre Parke Holleman, Retired Enlisted Association, Master Chief Joseph L. Barnes, USN (Ret.), Fleet Reserve Association, Captain Ike Puzon, USNR (Ret.), Naval Reserve Association and Guard/Reserve Committee, all of The Military Coalition; and Captain Bradley J. Snyder, USA (Ret.), Armed Forces Services Corporation.